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Special Assistant to the Secretary of State
Washington

February 24, 1949

Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

At the meeting of the Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC) on Friday, February 18th, it was agreed to table the recommendations in the Dulles Committee Report affecting the IAC itself for further consideration on the grounds, generally, that those recommendations are not separable from the other recommendations contained in the Report and cannot be properly dealt with out of context. Accordingly, such comments as the Department has to make on the recommendations affecting the IAC will be presented to the National Security Council (NSC) through the Secretary of State.

With respect, therefore, to your memorandum of February 11th, I believe the Department's position was made clear at the IAC meeting; namely, that its comments on the Dulles Committee Report would be submitted by the Secretary directly to the NSC, rather than through the IAC. I wish to repeat that this procedure is in no wise designed to withhold its comments from the other members of the IAC and their departments and agencies, and that it will be my purpose to furnish the Department's comments to the other IAC members as soon as possible following their final formulation. My views as a member of the IAC were in general presented at the IAC meeting and included in the minutes of the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

/s/
W. Park Armstrong, Jr.

Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington 25, D. C.

cc: Members of the IAC

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